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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2008

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, December 8, 2008, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Sandra Taylor called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:	Sandra Taylor	Betty Rhodes	Dr. Steven Domon
	Kaylynn Barrett	Nancy Streit	Mae Isom
	Kelley Williams	Melanie Sletten	

Board Members Absent: Tealisa Allen

Approval of Minutes:

Nancy Streit made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 board meeting. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Hearing Minutes:

Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 Erin M. DeGostin hearing. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2008-14:

Kaylynn Barrett reported that the investigation into Complaint No. 2008-14 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2008-22:

Kaylynn Barrett reported she found no actionable violation of the Social Work Licensing Act or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. Betty Rhodes made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-05:

Sandra Taylor reported she found no actionable violation of the Social Work Licensing Act or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

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Update on Complaint No. 2009-06:

Kaylynn Barrett reported she found no actionable violation of the Social Work Licensing Act or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. Nancy Streit made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-07:

Melanie Sletten reported that the investigation into Complaint #2009-07 would be continued

Update on Complaint No. 2009-08:

Tealisa Allen was absent; the investigation into Complaint #2009-08 would be continued.

Update on Complaint No. 2009-09:

Nancy Streit reported that the investigation into Complaint #2009-09 would be continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Reviewed the Order Issued to Erin M. DeGostin:

The executive director updated the board regarding Ms. DeGostin's compliance with the Board's Order dated June 9, 2008. Nancy Streit made a motion to hold an emergency hearing based on the information presented. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Social Work Continuing Education Qualifications:

Board members are continuing to review Social Work Continuing Education Qualifications

Board Discussed Statement of Financial Interest Form:

The Executive Director reminded board members to complete the mandatory filing of the Statement of Financial Interest.

Board Reviewed Question from a Licensed Certified Social Worker:

A Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) had written the board requesting guidelines for reporting unprofessional conduct of another Licensed Social Worker. A letter will be sent to the LCSW advising that they although they are not legally bound to report, they may find they are morally bound to report. The board does not wish to discourage reporting and suggest the LCSW contact the compliance officer at their place of employment.

Board Approved Waiver Request No. 53:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f)), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Kaylynn Barrett made a

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motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Approved Waiver Request No. 54:

The Board reviewed a social worker's request for a waiver of the requirements of A.C.A. (17-103-307(f), the law that requires criminal history checks for social workers. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to grant the social worker's request since she met the requirements for a waiver according to A.C.A. 17-103-307(h). Melanie Sletten seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Request from Jane S. Ford, LCSW:

Ms. Jane S. Ford, LCSW had written the board requesting extension of her license until April of 2009 due to extenuating circumstances. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion grant Ms. Fords request to extend her expiration date until April 30, 2009. Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Law:

Kaylynn Barrett updated the Board regarding the progress on possible changes to be made to the Law. Research is continuing.

Refund Report:

No refunds have been issued since the last Board meeting.

Action Taken on Applications:

Nancy Streit made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Adriane Y. Bass

Jessica Susan Fisher

Michallee Demarce Hall

Raelyn Shae Hardee

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Felicia Cooper

Myra Elise Kinnard

Beverly Sandra Nolan

Approved to take the Exam:

John Anthony Jackson

Rebecca Tio Price

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

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Kathy G. Barnes

Erica L. Galindo

Stephanie Ann Thomas

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Skye M. Adams

Sheila H. Collins

VaShonda Helen Eason

Kerry E. Moore

Katherine Grace Neal

Lisa Marie Ross

Joyce Rose Shepherd

Julie Ann Vermeire

Cassandra Jean Warden

Approved for Licensure based on exam:

Robin L. Dunn

Betty Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 93 applications for license renewal. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 86 of the applications. Seven of the renewal applications were tabled pending clarification or additional continuing education hours. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed nine continuing education audits. Betty Rhodes made a motion to approve all nine of the audits. Melanie Sletten seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Certificate of Registration Renewals:

The Board reviewed three Certification of Registration Renewal Applications. Kelley Williams made a motion to approve all three renewal applications. Nancy Streit seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

Board Chairman Presented Information on Possible Medicaid Billing Changes:

Board Discussed Funding for the ASWB Spring Educational Meeting:

Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to request transfer of funds from category 02 and 10 of the FY09 budget to category 09 in order for the executive director to attend the ASWB Spring Educational Meeting. This request will be presented to the budget analyst. Melanie Sletten seconded the motion, which carried.

Kaylynn Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Steven Domon seconded the motion, which carried.